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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001


Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The fact that this settlement had to be reached at all, in my view is a ridiculous caricature of our American values and spirit. In my view, Microsoft and its success should be viewed as a success story and an enterprise to be celebrated, not one that should be persecuted by its own government. This being said, the recent settlement is the best way to end this matter and to allow the company, the industry and the government to move on.

The provisions of the settlement agreement ensure competition, foster innovation and allow for increased competition. The settlement requires Microsoft, on top of competition building measures, to submit to a government appointed three-person technical committee. This committee's responsibility is to ensure Microsoft's compliance with the agreement and to mediate disputes about the settlement.

It is high time that this process is over and that we as a country are allowed to move on. Let us make the approval of this settlement the final federal action taken on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Roger Meggers, President

cc: Mr. Bill Gates / Microsoft